

**NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
ROOM 355**

**March 5, 2008  
8:00 AM**

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Meeting called to order by Chairman David Nixon.

Present: David Nixon, Deborah Schachter, Patricia Quigley, John Blair, Karol LaCroix

Absent: Dale Kuehne, one vacant position

Also Present: Deputy Attorney General Bud Fitch  
Associate Attorney General M. Kristin Spath

- The minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved.
- The process for reviewing the proposed administrative rules was discussed. A subcommittee consisting of Deborah Schachter and Patricia Quigley was formed. The subcommittee will draft rules for the committee to discuss at the April meeting.
- The following Draft Advisory Opinion was considered:

**Advisory Opinion 2008-0XX**

**Do the ethics statutes impose limitations on a department head or other supervisor within a prospective employee's chain of command from participating, directly or indirectly, in the hiring of a family member?**

Bud Fitch drafted a response which the committee reviewed and discussed. Kris Spath will revise the draft opinion for the committee to discuss further at the April meeting.

- New correspondence, requests for advice, or complaints:

**Is it a violation of RSA 21-G:23 (II) for appointed individuals in a State agency to pre-select candidates for classified?**

The committee reviewed the formal response and approved the letter with one minor change. Kris Spath will forward the letter to Dale Kuehne for his signature.

- At the request of committee members, Deborah Schachter sent an email to Secretary of State William Gardner regarding a proposed draft amendment to HB 91 that specifies that Executive Branch Ethics Committee members cannot endorse or contribute to any **state or local political candidate's** campaign, a copy of which she distributed to the committee. The committee responded favorably to Ms. Schachter's email. Ms. Schachter will notify Secretary Gardner that she spoke to Bud Fitch and the committee about the amendment.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary